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\* \* \* \* \* **NEXT MEETING** \* \* \* \* \*

Thursday, Nov 20, 7:00 PM  
Redwood Multipurpose Center  
3100 South Redwood Road  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Barter Night  
Bring things you don't want  
Exchange them for things  
you do want

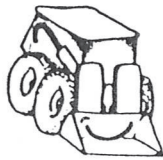
\* \* \* \* \* **DRAWING** \* \* \* \* \*

Promptness Prize: 1937 Walking Liberty Half Dollar

Raffle Prizes: 1909 Barber Head Quarter  
1882 Liberty Head Dollar  
Nine Walking Liberty Half Dollars  
Utah Tax Token  
Joe Green's Tavern SLC  
Weber Pocket Billiards good for 5 cents  
Burt & Chet's Card Room SLC good for 5cents

Grand Prize: 1/10 oz. GOLD 1999 US





## President's

## Message

I hope you all got something out of our talk on coin hunting in England. I'll say thanks to Terry Bouck for helping me with the display of artifacts from England. We are planning on going back there in March, if you want to join us. It's not as expensive as you might think.

This month our meeting will be dedicated to trading. We usually have a bit of bartering going on anyway at our meetings. For example, this spring I traded a blob top bottle for a Tonopah dog tag. You probably have stuff you found or won in the raffles that you are not really keen about. Bring it to this meeting and you might be able to exchange it for something you really do like.

Also this month, we will choose our new officers for next year.

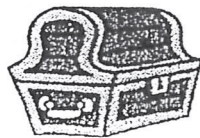
We had a good tablefull of treasures for the Find of the Month at the last meeting. November will be the last Find of the Month for this year. Then in February we will ask everyone to display some of the things they found over this last year. Next year's competition will begin with the March meeting.

You'll be happy to hear that I got my RV winterized in time this year. Don't forget yours.

**Dave**



## Finds of the Month For October



### US COIN

- Barber Quarter
- Tye Lamph

### FORIEGN COIN

- Tye Lamph

### TOKEN

- Continental Bar
- Eagle Gate (new token)
- Tye Lamph

### JEWELRY

- Gold Ring
- Bill Gladowski

### ARTIFACT

- Roy Rodger's Badge
- Karen Secor

### BUTTON

- Civil War
- Leo Vera

### NON-METAL

- Arrowheads
- Tye Lamph

### MARBLE

- Agate
- Leo Vera

### BOTTLE

- bottle
- Terry Bouck

### OLDEST US CENT

- 1893
- Leo Vera

### OLDEST US COIN

- 1917 dime
- Mel Milgrom

## When Junk Becomes Gold

I recently found a silver ring in a pile of old trash. It had three settings, and one was missing. It had been thru a fire, and was bent all out of shape. Fortunately, I had heard of a jeweler in Kaysville who did a good job of cleaning and straightening silver rings. Since I liked the delicate style of this one, Why not? It would cost less than \$20. When I went to pick up the ring, he said, "You're going to be surprised." He dumped it out of the envelope, and it was gold! One stone was a light turquoise color. In the center was a rhinestone, and in the third spot I had asked him to insert a small round coral. How beautiful. How unbelievable.

This was not the only time I was amazed after I thought I had brought home junk.

Most silverware you find is silverplate over brass or steel. It is easy to kick aside.

Don't do it.

On the ground, silverplate looks just like sterling. This year we brought home every fork and spoon and knife we found, and three of them turned out to be solid silver. Granted, there is only a few dollars worth of silver in each one, but that's more value than most of the coins we dig up.

A little piece of brass plate is easy to toss away. I thought I had a nameplate from a small appliance of some kind, but I was just curious enough to take it home and scrape off the corrosion to see what it said. It was a 1923 Tonopah dog tag.

Just last week, I had a brass plunger-shaped thing in my screen. It was about three inches long--a valve maybe. I put it in my bag. When I got home and scratched it a bit, I found a design on the end. People tell me it is a stamp used to melt sealing wax onto an envelope, initials V P C. I would never have guessed.

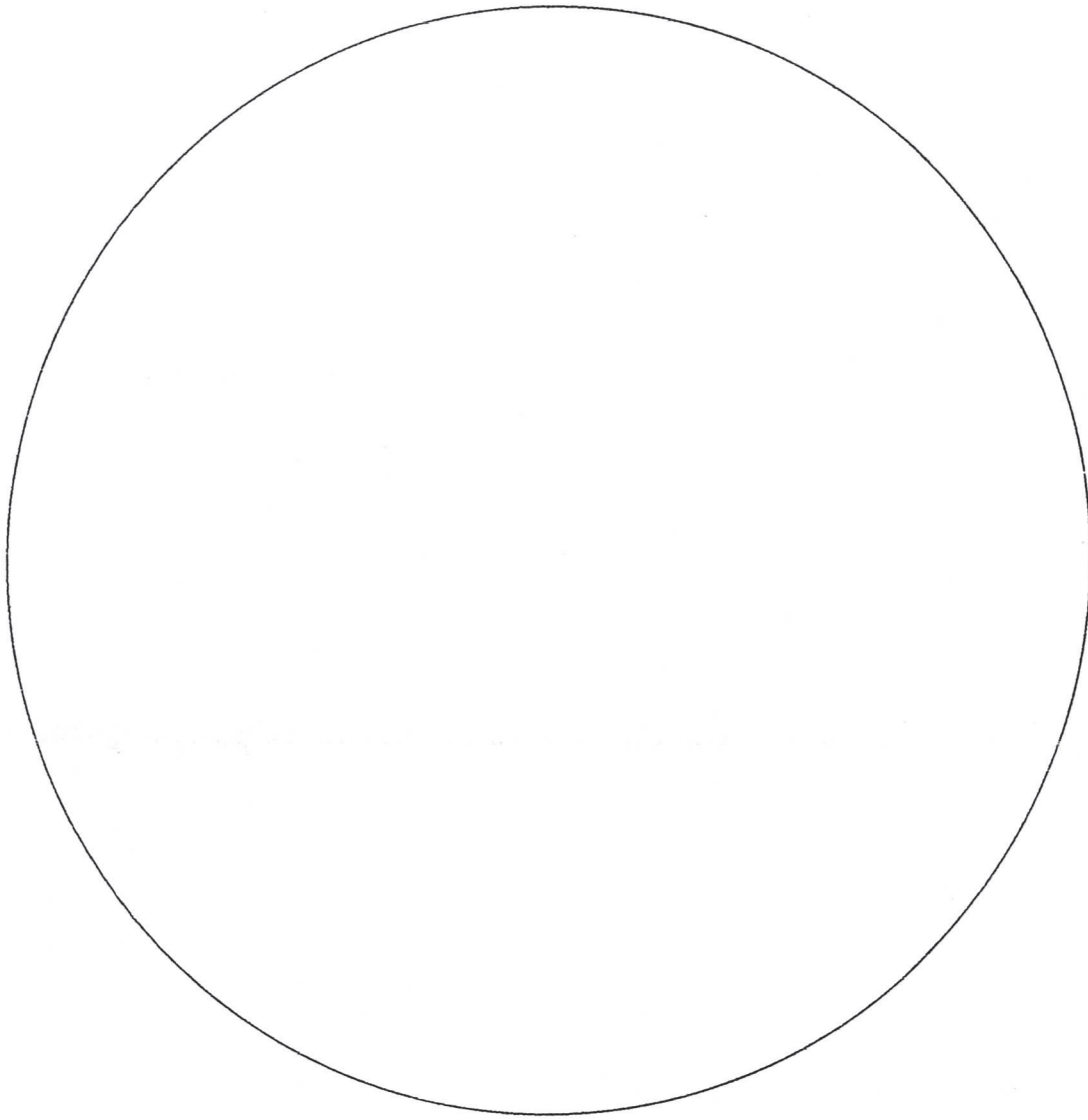
The moral to these stories is:

If you don't know what it is, take it home and clean it.

You can always toss it away later.

*Karen*

# NUTS MEDAL DESIGN



NUTS members it is time to submit your designs for the 2004 club medal. There is no specific theme required for the medal . Photographs may be used for a design as well as artwork. If a photo is used it needs to be sharp and clear with distinct lines. For example pictures of buildings work well. Remember permission must be obtained to use copy written material.

**THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS THE JANUARY CLUB MEETING.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# A Pioneer Suit of Clothes.

(A True Story.)

By Bertha Irvine.

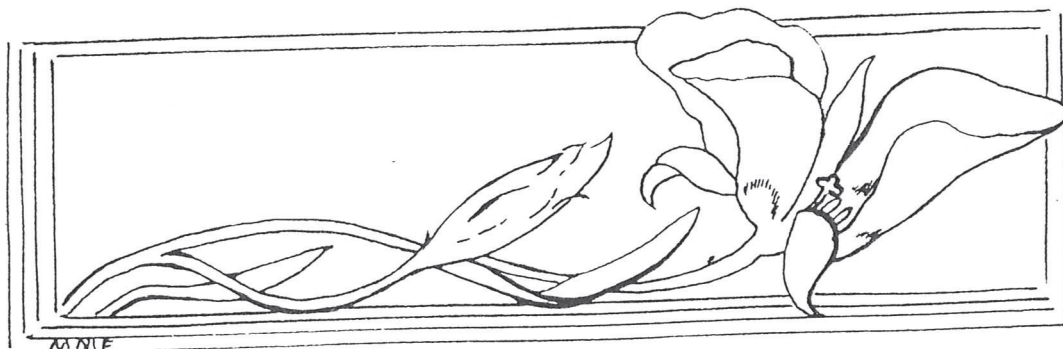
James Eardley and his wife, Zurviah, were Utah pioneers. They crossed the plains by ox-team in 1854, passed through the events incident to the early settlement of this valley, and were well acquainted with "hard times."

How to obtain clothing was one of the puzzling questions of those early days. When the old clothes wore out there was no buying of new ones, for there were none for sale, even if one had had the money to pay, which was rarely the case.

It became apparent in course of time that Brother Eardley's clothes were fast going to rags. They had been carefully patched and re-patched from time to time by his industrious little wife, until there was really nothing left to patch, and each day as he returned home from his hard labor, the thought came with more and more force to Sister Eardley that something must be done; he must have a suit of clothes. She pondered over the matter, and looked over all she had in the house that would afford enough material and of sufficient durability to make a suit of working clothes. Then it was that she thought of the large "tick" which she had brought with

her from the east, and which now covered her straw bed. It was good and strong material, and would be ample for a suit of clothes.

The thought no sooner came than action followed. As she looked over the ticking with a view of cutting out the suit, the thought came that the blue and white striped material was hardly appropriate for a suit of clothes just as it was, and this prompted the idea of dyeing it,—not with Diamond Dyes, however—but with a weed which had been used for the purpose with varying success by some of her pioneer neighbors. So the weed was sought, gathered in sufficient quantities, the dye prepared, and into the dye-pot went the precious material: in due time coming forth with the blue stripe somewhat intensified in color and the white stripe now changed to a brilliant yellow. The suit was made nevertheless, and Brother Eardley gladly arrayed himself in it, and thus attired joined the brethren who were called out to meet Johnston's army. By the side of Brother Eardley marched a brother clothed in a suit made from a brown blanket.



From Young Woman's Journal July 1916

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